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The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Whether any Member of this House is entitled to ask for any particular information from the Government is to be settled by the President and not by the Member of Government, and I hope the hon. Minister will kindly withdraw his statement."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"I am only stating, Mr. President . . . (Cries of 'withdraw', 'obey the Chair', from the Opposition benches)."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Order, order. I have already requested the hon. Minister to withdraw the statement made by him."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"I withdraw the statement, if the hon. the President thinks that I refused to give information. What I wanted to say was that it is confidential and therefore cannot be divulged."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Minister could have said that."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"I meant that, Mr. President."

*Itinerant work by rural medical practitioners.*

* 83 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that recently the Surgeon-General has issued a circular to the effect that the rural medical practitioners appointed under the scheme of rural medical relief should do itinerant work by visiting the various villages once a week ;

(*b*) what the status of a rural medical practitioner under the scheme is ; and

(*c*) whether to enable the rural medical practitioner to do itinerant work in the villages, the Government are prepared to grant him conveyance charges, provide a suitable building in the village to be visited and allow him a servant ?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes ; but the application of the circular to rural medical practitioners has since been rescinded.

(*b*) He is a private practitioner receiving a subsidy from Government.

(*c*) The question does not arise.

## Education

*Free education for Adi-Dravidas in secondary schools.*

* 84 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to give free education for the Adi-Dravidas in secondary schools ; and

(*b*) whether any form of vocational training is given in any of the Labour schools now existing ?

*A.*—(*a*) There is no proposal under the consideration of Government for the wholesale remission of fees for all Adi-Dravida pupils in secondary schools.

(*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the annual administration reports of the Labour Department which are placed on the Editors' Table.